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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

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INFO AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA WHITFMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR BEXP SL

SUBJECT: CIVAIR - SIERRALEONE AIRWAYS INTEREST IN FOKKER

614 AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 057389

1. AMBASSADOR INFORMED SEP 22 BY RECENTLY APPOINTED
MINISTER TRANSPORTATION FORMEH KAMARA THAT GOSL INTERESTED
IN PURCHASING ONE FOKKER 614 AIRCRAFT IN ORDER PERMIT
SIERRA LEONE AIRWAYS (SLA) ENTER WEST AFRICAN COASTAL
ROUTE COMPETITION WITH GHANA AND NIGERIAN AIRWAYS. KAMARA
SAID SLA NOT INTERESTED IN BOEINGS WHICH "TOO BIG."
EMBASSY HAS NO DATA ON FOKKER 614 BUT UNDERSTANDS FROM
KAMARA IT HAS PASSENGER LOAD OF APPROXIMATELY 40.
KAMARA INDICATED COST OF NEW FOKKER 614 ABOUT \$4 MILLION.
KAMARA ADDED SLA HAD BEEN OFFERED BUT REJECTED OPPORTUNITY
PURCHASE USED CARAVELLE FOR \$1.6 MILLION.

2. LOCAL BUSINESSMAN HAS ALSO TOLD EMBASSY THAT PAN AM
HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GOSL RE POSSIBLE SALES
USED AIRCRAFT. NO FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE.

3. DEPT AND COMMERCE MAY WISH PASS SUBSTANCE

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APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF ABOVE TO US MANUFACTURERS IN

POSSIBLE POSITION TO COMPLETE.

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